

SHOT HIMSELF IN FRONT OF A MIRROR.

George E. Daniels Carried Out His Off-Repeated Threat to Commit Suicide.

He Had Been Ill and Had Recently Lost Heavily in Real Estate Transactions.

MISFORTUNE AFFECTED HIS MIND.

Previous to the Tragedy, His Wife Tried to Persuade Him to Go Shopping with Her—Killed Himself Shortly After She Left the House.

In accordance with an oft-repeated threat, George E. Daniels, a well-known real estate man, shot and killed himself at No. 62 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, late yesterday afternoon, while sitting before a mirror in his parlor.

Mr. Daniels, who until recently was one of the most charming and companionable of men, was in a morose condition. His wife tried to console him, but it was impossible to do so.

She started out to do some shopping and urged him to accompany her. She said it would take his mind off his troubles. "Besides," she said, "the fresh air will do you good."

"No, dear," he replied, "I don't care about going out today. I don't feel well enough."

Mrs. Daniels went out alone, leaving her husband in his room. The servant, Dora Smith, was at work in the kitchen.

At half-past 3 o'clock Daniels took a pistol from the bureau and went into the parlor. He turned a chair to face the mirror, sitting down he placed the revolver at his head and fired. The bullet went through his head, killing him instantly. The pistol slipped from his hand to the floor.

The servant, who had heard the shot, entered the parlor and found her employer dead. Mrs. Daniels arrived at this point, only to learn that she had been left a widow. She sent for the family physician, Dr. M. Reynolds, but, of course, nothing could be done.

Mr. Daniels was about fifty-one years old. He lived with his wife in an elegantly appointed house on Jefferson avenue. The couple were married fifteen years ago. Mrs. Daniels was a prominent member of the Amaranth Society, and a favorite at all of its gatherings.

Mr. Daniels enjoyed a wide reputation as an expert appraiser of real estate. His services were in constant demand from banks, insurance companies and business men, who were buying or advancing money on property. He branched out as a dealer. Several years ago he joined a firm in an extensive real estate deal in Flatbrook. The scheme ended disastrously for Daniels two years ago, and wiped out the savings of years.

This was a blow from which Daniels never recovered. It served to wreck him in body and mind. His health began to fail and he gave signs of mental weakness. His business methods became so unsatisfactory that people found it impossible to deal with him. He would complete a transaction and change his mind a minute later.

He seemed to realize his infirmities. Frequently he said that if it were not for his love for his wife he would put an end to his troubles. He said this so often that Mrs. Daniels and his friends paid no attention to his threats. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels had no children.

CHILDREN GET A HOLIDAY.

They Cheer Mayor Gleason When Told Schools Will Close St. Patrick's Day.

To show that he was still the friend of the school children of Long Island City, Mayor P. J. Gleason recommended to the Board of Education at its meeting on Wednesday night to give the children a holiday on St. Patrick's day. A delegation of school girls called on the Mayor in his office Wednesday and asked him to close the schools in honor of St. Patrick. The Mayor listened attentively to them, and then said that he had no authority to grant their request, but he would ask the Board of Education to take action.

The children thanked the Mayor, telling him they would get their fathers to vote for him in case he decided to run for Mayor of Greater New York, and also told the Mayor that they would ask St. Patrick to pray for him.

When the word was given to the children in the schools yesterday that they were to have the holiday they all cheered the big Mayor.

BAND PLAYED, ROOF BURNED.

Two Musicians of the Party Hurt While Fighting the Flames.

Westampton, L. I., March 12.—While the members of the Westampton brass band were holding a meeting last evening the roof of the building caught fire from a defective chimney. The fire was discovered before it had gained much headway.

Cyrus Jessup, while attempting to climb to the roof with a pail of water, slipped, falling to the ground a distance of twenty feet. He was slightly hurt. John F. Raynor also fell while ascending to the roof. He was seriously injured. The fire was extinguished after about \$100 damage was done.

POLICEMAN BADLY USED.

They Claimed That the Conductor and Motorman of a Trolley Car Beat Them.

Patrolmen John Bennett, Daniel Coulton and Thomas Kelly, of the Twelfth Precinct, Brooklyn, were released from custody by Judge Harriman yesterday. The men were off duty last Friday. While riding on a trolley car of the Broadway line they got into a row with the conductor, Martin Kennedy, who had them arrested.

The case took up the whole morning session at the Gates Avenue Court yesterday. The officers claimed that Kennedy used them harshly. He was accused of throwing Coulton off the car and knocking Bennett down, and his motorman, who was named Kelly, was accused of beating Kelly's head. The evidence showed that Kennedy was kicked in the breast. The case was dismissed.

Ridener Seeking Reinstatement.

William B. Ridener, the school principal who was recently dismissed from the city's service, yesterday applied for a writ of certiorari mandamus to compel the Brooklyn Board of Education to reinstate him. Judge Clement denied the request, but is willing to consider an application for an alternative writ.

Sites for the New Bridge Piers.

The American Sugar Refining Company has granted permission to the East River Bridge Commission to take possession of the property between South Fifth and South Sixth streets, on Kent avenue, Williamsburg, for the bridge piers.

Republicans Are After Charities.

Albany, N. Y., March 12.—Ex-Assemblyman "Jimmy" Taylor, of Brooklyn, who vainly tried to get Major McNulty's seat in the Senate, was seen around the Capitol today. He brought up a bill to extend Avenue U across the lands of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, and got Assemblyman Waldo to introduce it. Mr. Taylor also brought along a pretty map of his proposed "improvement," and argued that the extension would not hurt the jockey club, as the ground to be taken was only used for stable acres. The bill provides for an application to the Supreme Court to condemn the land, and repeals the law exempting the club's property from invasion.

A measure introduced by Assemblyman Marshall provides for the reimbursing of Justice Van Wart for his expenses in his contest. He also had a bill defining purposes for which Park Board funds may be spent. Its object is to allow the premium money on bonds to be used in buying additional land.

Mr. Perkins introduced two measures amending the law relative to the Brooklyn Church Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, relative to rules of government. Senator Brush had a similar bill.

The Senator also substituted a new bill for his Newtown Creek improvement measure, going much more into detail than did the first. It is possible that this bill will get through, as the improvement is one that is greatly needed and the property owners in the affected territory are heartily in favor of it.

The proposed amendment to the act incorporating the Incorporated Home, at Fort Hamilton, made its appearance today as the "Trotter" measure. After June 1 it will be lawful, should the bill pass, for the Mayor to appoint sixteen new trustees, equally divided between the two great political parties. He is himself to be an ex officio member of the Board. The impression prevails that the bill will be passed, and that its purpose is to oust a certain Democratic politician from control.

The Republican machine in Kings County evidently intends in the course of the present session to seize the control of the charitable institutions as well as of the city office. It will be as well for the friends of these institutions to "watch out" unless they want political methods to prevail in their midst.

Assemblyman Finn's bill providing for the licensing of horse-drawn carriages passed the Senate during the day. It provides that the Governor shall appoint a board of five examiners who shall pass on the qualifications of men in this line of trade. But all workmen may file certificates as to ability during the next six months, which will relieve them of the necessity of undergoing an examination. The proposed law will apply to all cities of over fifty thousand population. It has been before the Legislature in former years, but has not been successful until the present time. It is one of the measures whose passage is urged by the labor organizations.

The Eighth Avenue Improvement bill, introduced by Assemblyman Andrus, was also passed by the Senate, as was also Senator Brush's measure to enable Brooklyn to raise money to make good deficiencies caused by the consolidation of the city and county and the annexation of the county towns. A large number of bills were advanced to a third reading during the session of the Senate, and will be finally passed early next week. Owing to the long debate in the House there were no hearings, and the heavy calendar of the City Committee which has the Brooklyn "grab bills" before it, went over until next Thursday.

POLICEMAN FORGAVE STAHL.

Although the Saloon Keeper Shot at Him, Schaefer Wouldn't Press the Charge.

Fritz Stahl, the saloon keeper at No. 612 Broadway, Williamsburg, who, early Sunday morning last, emptied the chambers of a revolver by shooting at Peter Henneken and Policeman Schaefer, was discharged yesterday by Justice Grotting in the Lee Avenue Police Court.

Henneken lives over the saloon and had gone down stairs to ascertain the cause of the commotion he heard in Stahl's apartments. As soon as Stahl saw him he began to blaze away. Policeman Schaefer, who heard the shots entered the house and he, too, was fired at. Neither the policeman nor Henneken was inclined to prosecute the saloon keeper. Stahl only two weeks ago invested his savings, \$250, in the place and finding that he had made a bad investment, got drunk. He remembered nothing of his exploits.

FIGHT FOR REINSTATEMENT.

Seventeen Discharged City Employees Appeal to the Court for Justice.

Maurice J. Finn and sixteen other City Works employees, who were recently dismissed by Commissioner Willis, began a fight for reinstatement yesterday in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn.

Edward M. Grant, who was the Democratic candidate for Mayor last November was their counsel. He said Mr. Willis had wantonly violated the law in removing his clients. All of them were civil service men, who had faithfully served the public for years, satisfying even so exacting an official as former Commissioner White. Laying aside other considerations, Mr. Grant said the removals were illegal. He said the men made until Mr. Willis had been in office thirty-nine days. The latter, he said, could not exercise the power to remove men thirty days after assuming office.

A Pioneer Lithographer Dead.

John Probst, who lived in Williamsburg for many years, died Wednesday at his home, No. 208 Berry street. Mr. Probst was born in 1804 in Bremen, Germany, and came to this country in 1831. He claimed to be the second boss lithographer in New York, and retired from business twenty-five years ago. His wife died six years ago, and his oldest child was then living is sixty years old. There were four other children and six grandchildren.

The Leading Auctioneers Advertise Their Sales IN The Journal.

SOLOMON'S QUEER MANIA.

A Brooklynite Seized with a Desire to Throw Himself in Front of a Trolley Car.

There is a young man in the Classon Avenue Police Station, Brooklyn, who does not dare to trust himself on the street for fear that he will end his own life. The man is Max Solomon, of No. 633 Myrtle avenue, and he is about thirty years old. Solomon went to a Brooklyn hospital for treatment a few weeks ago, and was discharged as cured. He started for his brother-in-law's house at the above address. As he passed along the street the trolley cars had such a strange fascination for him that he became seized with a desire to run forward and throw himself in front of a flying juggernaut.

Several times he was on the point of taking the step which would have ended his life. At last in desperation he turned up one of the few streets which are not given over to trolley traffic. Fearing that the trolley mania might return and lure him on to his death, Solomon went to the station house at DeKalb and Classon avenues. There he told the story of his trouble. At his own request the sergeant held him on a charge of vagrancy.

Solomon says he cannot account for his trolley mania. He will probably leave Brooklyn and go to some place where cars are moved by horse power as of yore.

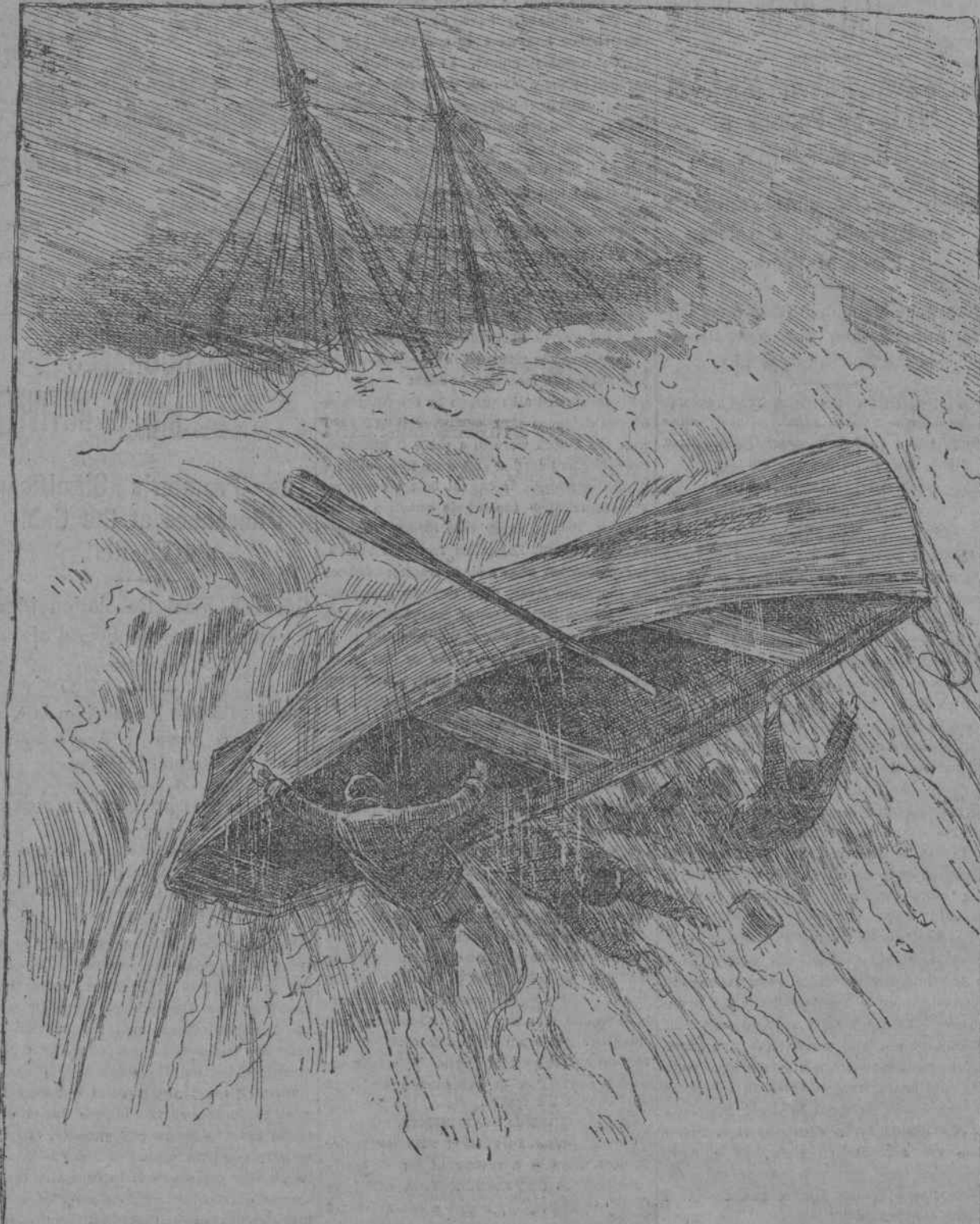
CHILDREN IN THE STORM.

With Their Drunken Mother They Were Found in the Street by the Brooklyn Police.

There are four tots in the shelter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, on Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, crying for their mother. She is Mrs. Maggie Gorman, who was found sitting at the corner of Hudson avenue and Sands street, Wednesday night, when the storm was at its height. Crowded about her were the children, who were crying and calling to their mother to get up. She was intoxicated, and, beyond mumbling scolding words to the youngsters, made no attempt to move.

James Kennedy found the family sitting there. The falling sheet was rapidly covering them with ice. Kennedy stooped to arouse the woman and she brushed him aside.

He then notified the police and along came the patrol wagon, and the little family was bundled off to the police station. The children were later sent to the Shelter.



LOSS OF THE SCHOONER KATE SCRANTON.

While the crew were trying to reach the shore the yawl was capsized and two men were drowned. The others were rescued by the mast of the Eaton's Neck Life Saving Station. The captain, who remained in the rigging of his vessel, was taken off in the breeches buoy.

Mrs. Gorman was only recently released from jail. She was sent there by Justice Haggerty for six months on October 4, 1895. She then lived with her husband at No. 46 North Portland avenue. The husband died of apoplexy. The children were in charge of by the society and given to the mother when she was released. The society will now look out for the future of the children.

TOSSED OFF THE MOTORMAN.

Austin Was Shaken from a Trolley Car Platform into a Snowdrift.

While Motorman Charles Austin was guiding his car down the steep grade on Flatbush avenue, near the Prospect Park entrance, Brooklyn, Wednesday night, the car began to bound. It was going at a high rate of speed, and before the motorman had time to check the car he was shaken off the platform. He landed on his head in a big snowdrift.

When Austin was tossed from the car he unconsciously turned the lever and the car started toward Flatbush at full speed. Conductor Clarke did not see the mishap, but a number of women passengers did. They screamed and became hysterical and pointed mutely to the front platform. Clarke soon saw what caused the excitement and stopped the car. The motorman came limping up and the car proceeded on its way.

Captain Woods Pleads Not Guilty.

The Long Island City Police Board met last evening and Police Captain Anthony Woods, who is under charges, entered a plea of not guilty. The trial was set for next Thursday evening. Sergeant Darcy was appointed acting captain pending the result of the trial. Among the allegations against the captain are neglect of duty, disobedience of orders and false entries in his blotter. In all there are fifty-one specifications.

BABY BURNED IN ITS CRIB.

The Child Had Been Left Alone a Few Minutes and Its Clothing Caught Fire.

When the Mother Returned from the Grocer's She Found the Little One in Flames.

SHE CAUGHT IT UP AND RAN.

A Man Smothered the Fire, but the Child Died Before an Ambulance Arrived. Tenement Houses Were Threatened.

Katie Gerwiler, the six-months-old child of Charles Gerwiler, who lived on the top floor of the tenement house No. 1231 Flushing avenue, Williamsburg, was burned to death yesterday while alone in the apartment. Little Katie was the only child, and had been bathed a short time before by her mother, and then laid in a crib and set near the kitchen stove.

Mrs. Gerwiler left the apartment to go to a nearby grocery store. Her husband had left two hours before to go to his work in a factory along the Newtown Creek. As the woman returned to her home, ten minutes later, she saw smoke pouring out of the front windows of her apartment. The first thought was for the safety of her child, and rushing into the hallway she dashed up the stairs screaming "Fire!" as she ran, alarming the other tenants. When she got to her apartment the frantic mother did not wait to unlock the kitchen door, but threw her weight against it and burst it open.

The room was filled with smoke. Feeling her way to the crib, she raised the infant, whose clothing was in a blaze, and staggered back toward the hallway. As she reached the hall, a stranger, who had seen the smoke pouring from the windows and ran up the stairs, met the mother with her infant in her arms, and quickly extinguished the flames by wrapping his coat about it. Mrs. Gerwiler was almost suffocated from the smoke and had also sustained painful burns about the hands from

DEACON LEE'S BIG CLUB.

Witnesses Testified That He Carried It to Church to Club Pastor Gaines Off the Earth.

Joshua P. Lee, the militant deacon of the Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, who went to church armed with a thirty-inch club, was up for examination in the Adams Street Court yesterday morning. He was accused of threatening to assault the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Gaines, who is Grand Chief Knight of the Universal Order of True Reformers.

Sister Mary Hamlin said she had heard Lee declare that he would club Dr. Gaines off the face of the earth and keep him running even on the other side of Jordan. Deacon Caesar Gaylor made affidavit that he heard Lee make use of this threat: "I'll whang Brother Gaines," and Sister Jane Taylor said that that was "the Lord's truth."

Deacon Lee asked Judge Walsh if he might throw some light on the subject, and permission was granted. It was true, he said, that he went to church armed with a club, but only to protect himself against threatened attack.

Dr. Gaines, the complainant, told the Court that he stood in mortal dread of Deacon Lee. Decision was reserved.

SCHOONER A TOTAL LOSS.

The Kate Scranton, Which Went Ashore at Eaton's Neck in the Storm, Dashed to Pieces.

Northport, L. I., March 12.—The schooner Kate Scranton, owned by Captain Charles Bates, of Sag Harbor, which went ashore about a mile east of the Eaton Neck Life Saving Station yesterday afternoon, went to pieces last night. The names of the two members of the crew who were drowned were Mate George Christman, a Norwegian, and George Uphier, aged fifty years, a colored man. Arthur Hand and Frederick Smith and Captain Bates managed to reach the shore in safety. The vessel struck during the storm. The bodies of the two drowned men have been recovered. The schooner's name was first reported to be the Mary Bates.

The vessel left Sag Harbor for New York on Tuesday afternoon on her first trip of the season. When she was off Port Jefferson yesterday the storm came up and it was decided to try and make Huntington

THE BRIDE WORE SHORT DRESSES.

Grace Had Been a Wife Three Months Before Her Parents Knew of It.

Mrs. Hackett is Only Seventeen Years of Age and Her Husband Is Not Yet Twenty-one.

SHE RECENTLY LEFT HIGH SCHOOL.

The Young Man Inherited \$14,000 from His Mother, and His Father is a Wealthy Dry Goods Dealer in Long Island City.

The announcement made yesterday that Joseph D. Hackett, son of C. Hackett, a well-known dry goods dealer of Long Island City, had been married to Miss Grace E. Ferris, daughter of Ferry Master Ferris, caused something of a flurry in society circles. The young couple were married by the Rev. Father Blake, of St. Patrick's Church, in Dutch Kills, on December 16 last, but for some unknown reason kept the wedding quiet until yesterday. The groom is still under age, while his bride is only seventeen. Hackett told some of his friends in November last that he intended to get married, but they did not believe him.

Hackett, at the death of his mother, came into the possession of \$14,000. He is a Catholic, while his wife is a Protestant. Both Hackett and his bride are well known in the Hunter's Point section of the city. Miss Ferris resided with her parents at No. 205 Jackson avenue. She is still in short dresses, and until a few months ago attended the High School.

Miss Clara Shelsley, of Dutch Kills, acted as bridesmaid at the wedding, while Harry Dillon was the best man. After the ceremony the young couple returned to their respective homes and did not tell any one about the wedding. It was through a letter written by Hackett to his wife that Ferris discovered his daughter had been married. The letter was signed: "Your loving husband, Joe." Ferris confronted his daughter, and she acknowledged she was a married woman, and then the wedding notice was published.

DEWITT GETS HIS DIVORCE.

Brooklyn's Former Corporation Counsel Secures a Separation from His Wife Without Opposition in North Dakota.

Fargo, N. D., March 12.—William C. De Witt, formerly corporation attorney of the city of Brooklyn, and the man who nominated David H. Hill for President at the Chicago Convention, secured a divorce here today.

In his complaint, he alleged, that he and his wife had not lived together as such for twenty years. About a year ago she had commenced to live in a separate establishment.

She appeared in the case, but did not contest the decree. The matter of alimony and division of property had been amicably adjusted.

Lady Somerset Wants Miss Willard.

Chicago, March 12.—Lady Henry Somerset, the leader of the Christian temperance movement among English women, has written a letter to the W. C. T. U. national headquarters here, asking that President Frances Willard be allowed to come to England to help her in the approaching national convention of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, of which Lady Henry Somerset is president. She writes that she will reciprocate by coming to this country in the interests of the W. C. T. U. Miss Willard will probably sail in April.

MELANCHOLY WOMEN.

Always Afraid Something Dreadful is Going to Happen.

How a Little Baby Girl Boiled the Clouds Away.

Of course a woman will naturally see the dark side of everything when tortured by some form of female disease, which her doctor cannot or does not relieve.

No wonder she is melancholy when head and back ache, pains run through the whole body and loins, nerves are weak, stomach out of order, digestion poor, sense of fullness and bearing-down, poor sleep and appetite, always weak and tired, irregular menstruation, whites, etc.

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